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1. The reports received at the Casa Rosada indicating that the Argentine public is definitely opposed to the sending of troops or any similar military involvement in Korea, have set back President Peron's original plan for Argentina to be one of the first countries to render active assistance to the United Nations in the Korean campaign.
2. Leaders of the Confederacion General de Trabajadores (CGT) have advised Peron that labor is in favor of complete neutrality in the Korean struggle.
3. The Oficina de Control del Estado (OCE) has continued to report to the President that the younger officers of the Argentine armed forces are increasingly against any active collaboration in the Korean war. However, the OCE has recommended that the Argentine government send food and medical supplies when the United Nations so requests.
4. The Argentine Ambassador to Washington, Jeronimo Remorino, who is now in Buenos Aires, has reportedly recommended to President Peron that Argentina send some kind of aid as quickly as possible through the unified command of the United Nations. Remorino has pointed out that United States officials are carefully watching Argentina's attitude on this question, and any move made now by Argentina would be very favorably received in Washington.
5. Source reported that as of mid-August there had been no indication that the Casa Rosada was contemplating sending any troops, or even aid in the form of food, medical supplies, and so forth.
6. The Radical Party (UCR) is reported to be faced with a possible split over the attitude to be taken on the international policy of the United States. A dissident group within the UCR plans to meet in Cordoba on 2 September to prepare a statement endorsing the United States position in Korea, and taking a strong stand against Communism, thereby endeavoring to obtain "the backing of the United States Embassy."
7. Source reported that the reason President Peron made some unnecessarily harsh remarks against the United States in his recent speech before the convention

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of surgeons was that Peron still remembers that Argentina was not invited to a similar convention in the United States because of the attitude of the United States against his government at that time.

8. Orders have been sent out from Casa Rosada to the Subsecretaria de Informaciones to continue the "Third Position" propaganda for the time being.
9. The OCE is also planning to intensify Peronista propaganda in other Latin American countries and is compiling a list of key persons in Latin America who can be "bought" to carry out such propaganda in their own countries. The OCE is proceeding cautiously in this regard, according to source, as the ramifications of the Henrotin espionage case in Uruguay have caused considerable concern in Casa Rosada circles.*

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment: Roberto Henrotin de Santaros (aka Roberto de la March Romanoff), a reported Argentine Federal Police agent apprehended by Uruguayan authorities, was deported from Uruguay to France on 6 August 1960.

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